



# Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School

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## Board of Trustees Digital Meeting

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- I. Call to Order- Shelly Yarnie, Committee Chair
- II. Attendance Recorded
- III. Review of the May 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion: To approve the minutes from the May 20, 2020 Education Committee Meeting.
- IV. Seal of Biliteracy- Ms. Tambolleo
- V. IB Audit- Ms. Davila
  - a. IB Review results
  - b. Review and expand the school's mission statement to include the intrinsic values of IB such as international-mindedness and the IB learner profile
  - c. Implement strategies to ensure the governing body and administrative team further develop their knowledge of IB
- VI. ELL/ESL Presentation- Ms. Tambolleo
- VII. Abby Kelley Opening for 2020/2021 (follow up from the Board Meeting on 7.29.20)- Ms. Paluk
- VIII. Next meeting Wednesday, September 9, 2020 7:45 a.m.
- IX. Adjournment
  - a. Motion: To adjourn the meeting.



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## Education Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 / 8:00 a.m.

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I. The Meeting was called to order by Celia Blue, Board Co-Chair at 8:02 a.m.

II. Attendance:

**Board Members:** Shelly Yarnie, Susan Scully-Hill, Celia Blue, Patrick Royce, Bibiche Zagna-Ndiku

**Staff Members:** Amy Emma, Chris Kursonis, Jess Regan Amy Puliafico, AnnMarie Little, Brian Haas, Rob Kerr, Siby Adina, Michelle Vigneux

III. The Committee was unable to take up the motion to approve the February 12, 2020 minutes.

IV. Mr. Haas prepared for the Committee, with the support of the school's Principals and Curriculum Coordinators, a Distance Learning Update. (Included with these minutes.)

Technology Distribution took place within all schools. Students will be able to keep the devices over the summer, as they may be needed in the fall.

There are some students (approximately 10 within the District) who are using paper packets, and again credit was given to the teachers and staff for making sure those students had what they needed.

The District is seeing continued student participation with daily school work. Mr. Haas credits the strong student/teacher relationships we have, as well as the continued support of parents/families. The Elementary School is having strong participation with their iReady program. iReady is being used within the fourth grade classes, and by the eighth grade. IXL is the program commonly used in the Middle School, and again with the eighth grade.

Within the Special Education Department, each school and respective staff are making the necessary modifications to support these students. Families and students have also made adjustments with the staff and in their home routines too. This area is of special concern for the District, as students in Special Education programs, at Abby Kelley and across the country are likely to experience the greatest learning loss. These concerns will be better addressed as DESE gives more guidance regarding the next school year.



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EL Students are being supported throughout the district. The Elementary and Middle Schools summarized their support programs. The High School reported no issues.

Discussion for the Class of 2020's graduation was had. Mr. Haas shared that the High School chose to go with an online graduation presentation. This is being prepared by Herff Jones, as they have the capabilities to make a polished and professional video. The finished product will be available online beginning Wednesday, June 10th at 6:00 p.m. Students and their families have been notified of the deadlines for the production of the video as well as the updated date for graduation. The High School continues to look at the possibility of inviting members of the Senior Class and their families to school in August to walk across the stage and take pictures, should regulations be relaxed.

Report cards will be sent home for students following the end of the school year on June 11th. The Commissioner for Education made it clear students should not be held accountable in the same way they typically would.

The process of moving students up to the next grade was discussed. At the Elementary School, all students are being promoted. At the Middle School, all students are being promoted with the exception of a few students who, prior to the school closure were in conversations with staff. At the High School students must have a grade of 65 or better, students within this category have been contacted by staff and administration.

Mr. Haas then led the Committee through some early conversations about the 2020/2021 school year. Curriculums are being reviewed to determine if modifications are needed, and what those modifications look like depends on DESE guidance for the reopening of schools.

Current and future Social/Emotional supports were highlighted. Issues around food insecurity, managing the stresses of COVID-19, and DCF supports were discussed.

While still very much in the thick of Distance Learning the Administration Council and staff members are taking note of lessons learned, areas that need more teacher training, technology needs, communication plans and being able to support families were some of the topics mentioned. At the Elementary and Middle Schools there has been discussion of revising family surveys to include questions to better assess the technology families have at home.

As they had done throughout the meeting, the Board Members expressed their appreciation for the Principals, Faculty and Staff within the District for doing all they have for the students and their families to get everyone through Distance Learning. Mr. Haas expressed his appreciation for the Administration Council especially as they have been meeting frequently, managing staff, staying in contact with families and truly running their school from home.

Mrs. Blue asked for a motion from the Committee to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Royce made that motion. Ms. Zagna-Ndiku provided a second of the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:32 a.m.



# IB Results

May 2020 Exams

# IB Diploma Requirements

Students take:

- 6 subject courses: 3 Higher Level (HL) and 3 Standard Level (SL)
  - Scored on a 1-7 scale which corresponds to the total weighted assessment points earned for that subject
  - Approx. 4 weighted assessments in each subject area
- Complete 4,000 word Extended Essay
- Complete Theory of Knowledge Course
- Complete 2 years of CAS and a 1-month CAS Project (Creativity, Activity, Service)

Students must score a total of 24 points out of a possible 45 points (7 points per subject, 3 “bonus” points for ToK and EE)

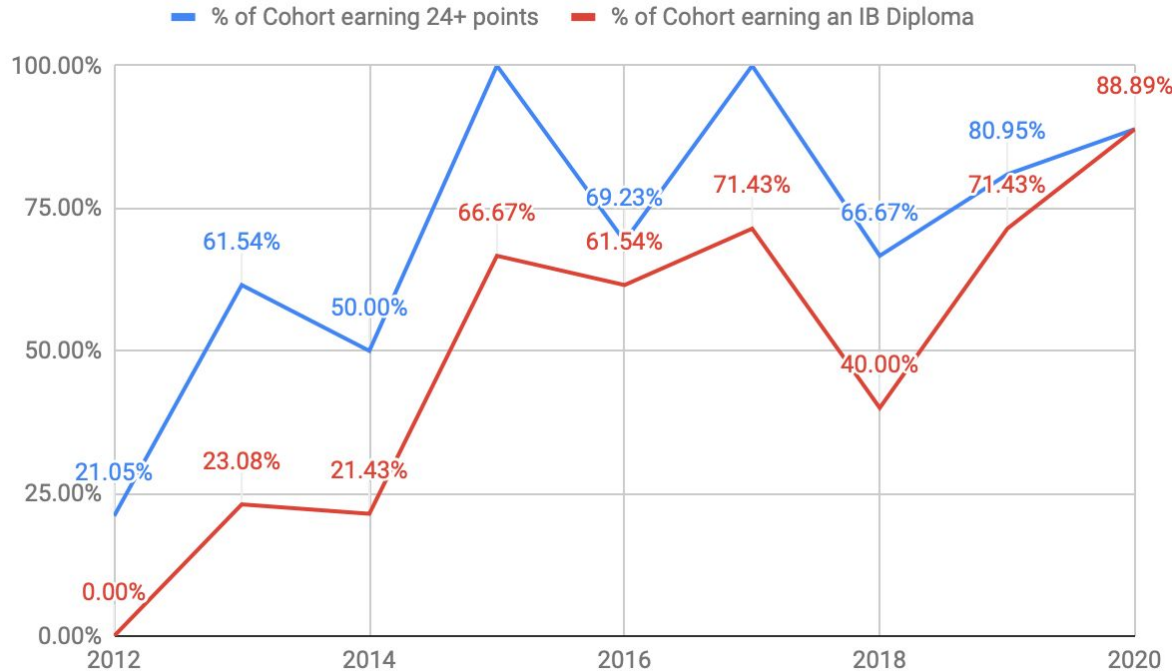
- 12 of their points must be in HL courses (averages as a 4 in each HL)
- Cannot score below a D in EE and TOK

# IB Diploma 2020 Scoring

- Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic May 2020 exams were cancelled globally
- IB 2020 scoring method:
  - All student Internal Assessments were submitted for external scoring
  - Teachers submitted Predicted Grades for each student/subject
  - An algorithm was utilized weighting the IA grade, Predicted Grade, and historical accuracy of Predicted Grades by subject for each school
- In reviewing the Abby Kelley marks, there were no student overall marks that fell outside of predicted tolerance ranges.

# Diploma Cohort

- 8 Diplomas Earned - 88.9%



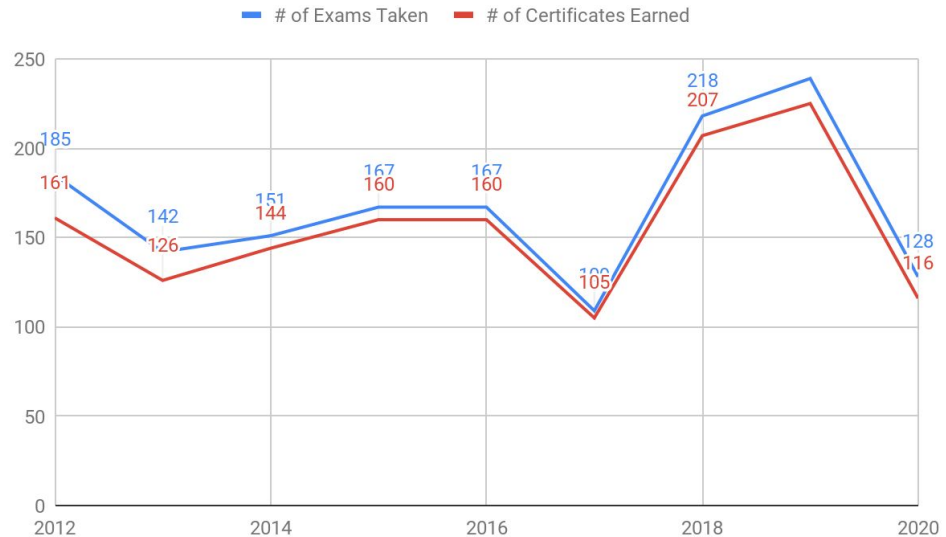


## Students who earned their IB Diploma:

- Ramona Ansong
- Heena Kraemer
- Amy Ngo
- John Ngo
- Katelan Ngo
- Mihwa Prieto
- Mikaela Renaud-Lowther
- Grace Schwartz

# Certificate Results

- Of the 128 subject exams taken, 116 scored a 3 or higher to earn an IB certificate.
  - 91% earned an IB certificate
  - Average score: 4.87



# Student Participation

## Total IB Student Participation



\* the 2020-21 figure is subject to change

# Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School

## 2020-2021 School Calendar

August 2020						
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April 2021						
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June 2021						
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School Closed
  1st Day Grades 1-12
  1st Day Kindergarten

2020-2021
August 17- Kindergarten Screening
August 24 - All Staff/Teacher Reporting Day
September 7 - Labor Day Holiday - No School K-12
September 10 - First Day of School - Maroon Team Grades 1-12
September 11- First Day of School- Gold Team Grades 1-11
September 17 - First Day of School for Maroon Team Grade K
September 18 - First Day of School for Gold Team Grade K
October 12 - Columbus Day Holiday - No School K-12
November 11 - Veteran's Day Holiday - No School K-12
November 25-27 - Thanksgiving Holiday - No School K-12
December 24 - January 1 - Holiday Vacation
January 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - No School K-12
February 15-19 - Winter Vacation - No School K-12
April 19-23 - Spring Vacation - No School K-12
May 31 - Memorial Day Holiday - No School K-12
June 8 - Last Day of School-Early Dismissal K-11